



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the purchasing of goods and services has been long recognized as the foundation of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the purchase and materials management profession has a significant role in the quality, efficiency, and profitability of business and government throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Louisiana, thousands of dedicated purchasing professionals in business, institutions, and state and municipal governments strive daily to reduce costs and encourage competition; and

WHEREAS, Louisianans should be made aware of the saving of tax dollars, benefits to industry, and career opportunities to be found in professional purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Purchasing is holding activities and special events to further educate and inform the general public on the role of purchasing within business, industry, and government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 2006, as

PROFESSIONAL PURCHASING MONTH

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 14th day of March
A.D., 2006*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana